of a Committee consisting of the representatives of the Central Govt., the Indian Olympic Association and Sports Authority of India to meet and work out the modalities for preventing the use of drugs in sports.

Promotion of Sports in Himachal Pradesh

2269. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that action plan is prepared by Government from time to time for promotion of sports in the country, specially in Himachal Pradesh through the Sports Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details of action plans prepared for Himachal Pradesh during 2000-2001; and

(c) the number of people benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The Sports Authority of India (SAI) prepares Action Plan in totality for promotion of sports in the country and not exclusively for each State. With a view to promote Sports in Himachal Pradesh, SAI is implementing its SAI Training Centres Scheme in the State. At present, there are two SAI Training Centres one at Bilaspur and other at Dharmshala.

In order to provide training tc a larger number of talented sports persons and in more disciplines than those existing, the following steps have been taken for strengthening these Centres :—

(i) Increase in number of disciplines from three (Athletics, Boxing and Volleyball) in 1998-99 to five (Boxing, Hockey, Wrestling, Basketball and Judo) in 2000-2001.

(ii) Increase in number of trainees from 59 in 1998-99 to 69 in 2000-2001.

(iii) Increase in number of girl trainees from 4 in 1998-99 to 29 in 2000-2001.

(c) The details of new trainees identified for admission to SAI Training Centres at Bilaspur and Dharamshala for the year 2001-2002 are as follows:—

(i) SAI Training Centre, Bilaspur —34

(ii) SAI Training Centre, Dharamshala —13